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SUBJECT: ARMS AND THE GUIDE: STOPPING THE ARMS FLOW TO

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2. DEPARTMENT IS SENSITIVE TO THE CONCERNS RAISED IN REFTTEL OF PERSISTENT RUMORS OF ARMS SUPPLIES AND TRAINING OF THE EX-FAR IN EASTERN ZAIRE. SINCE THE OUTBREAK OF THE RWANDA CRISIS LAST APRIL, WE HAVE RAISED THE ISSUE OF ARMS AND THE EX-FAR WITH THE GOZ ON MANY OCCASIONS. WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT THERE IS STILL A DEARTH OF SOLID, WELL-DOCUMENTED EVIDENCE OF SUCH ACTIVITY, AND LACKING HARD FACTS, WE ARE RELUCTANT TO UNDERTAKE ANOTHER DEMARCHE TO THE GOZ. PRIME MINISTER KENGO COULD BE EXPECTED TO BE SYMPATHETIC TO OUR CONCERNS, BUT HE LIKELY EXERCISES LITTLE INFLUENCE OVER THE ALLEGED ARMS TRAFFICKERS IN THE ZAIRIAN SECURITY ESTABLISHMENT. MOBUTU MAY EXERCISE INFLUENCE, BUT WITHOUT CREDIBLE EVIDENCE TO PRESENT TO "LE GUIDE," HE CAN BE EXPECTED TO DISMISS OUR CONCERNS OUT OF HAND.

3. RECENT REPORTS OF ARMS TRAFFICKING BY NIGERIANS INTO GOMA ARE MORE CREDIBLE, BUT DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE SHOULD BE COLLECTED BEFORE WE RAISE OUR CONCERNS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF NIGERIA.

4. DEPARTMENT AGREES THAT THE PROBLEM -- MOST PARTICULARLY FROM THE STANDPOINT OF OUR PUBLIC DIPLOMACY EFFORT -- IS SERIOUS. IF WE CAN DETERMINE WITH A GREATER DEGREE OF CERTAINTY THE FACTS ON ARMS FLOWS AND TRAINING,
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WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO CONSIDER SOME OF THE MEASURES YOU PROPOSE, INCLUDING RAISING THE PROBLEM AT THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL. IN THE MEANTIME, AND AS YOU RECOMMENDED, WE HAVE ASKED THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY TO INITIATE AN ASSESSMENT OF THE SHIPMENT OF ARMS INTO GOMA AND THE TRAINING OF EX-FAR AND MILITIAS IN EASTERN ZAIRE.
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